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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **WORK BEGINS TO REPAIR STORM DAMAGE** ON SR-18 NEAR ARCTIC CIRCLE

San Bernardino County – Work began approximately two weeks ago to make storm damage repairs to several slopes on State Route 18 in the area known as "Arctic Circle". During the rainstorm last month there was damage to five slopes beneath the roadbed. Two of those slopes are currently under repair with one lane open in each direction and no delays to motorists. The work on these two slopes is expected to be complete by the end of December 2005.

The \$1 million emergency funded project will continue repairs on the other three slopes when weather conditions allow and should be complete by spring of 2006. Along with the slope rebuilding there will also be guardrail reinstallation and drainage repairs.

For more information on other roadwork, please go to our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 and go to "Press Releases". You may also call our Public Affairs office at (909) 383-4631.

Motorists are advised to use caution when driving on mountain roads. When you come to the work zone, slow down. When you see orange cones, hang up your phone and pay attention. Saving a life is more important than anything - SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!!!



